

CLAIMS

1. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of targeted colony-forming immunogens in the rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, which method comprises:

- A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with the particular targeted colony-forming immunogen;
- B. Allowing a period of time sufficient to permit the production in the bird of antibody to the targeted immunogen;
- C. Harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;
- D. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said eggs from the shells;

and

- E. Drying said separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

2. The method according to Claim 1 wherein: said colony-forming immunogen is one known to decrease an animal's ability to utilize dietary protein.

3. The method according to Claim 2 wherein: said colony-forming immunogen is from the class consisting of *P. anaerobius*, *C. sticklandii* and *C. aminophilum*.

4. The method according to Claim 1 wherein: said colony-forming immunogen is one known to cause food borne illness in humans.

5. The method according to Claim 4 wherein: said colony-forming immunogen is from the class consisting of *E. coli*, *Listeria*, *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*.

6. The method of Claim 1 including: providing a dry carrier material, said drying of the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs is achieved by coating the dry carrier material with the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

7. The method of Claim 6 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

8. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of a colony-forming immunogen in the rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, said immunogen is P antigen from *P. anaerobius*, which method comprises:

- A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with P antigen from *P. anaerobius*;
- B. Allowing a period of time to permit the production in the birds and eggs laid by the birds of antibody to P antigen from *P. anaerobius*;
- C. Harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;
- D. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said harvested eggs from the egg shells; and
- E. Drying said antibody-containing contents.

9. The method of Claim 8 including: providing a dry carrier material, said drying of the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs is achieved by coating the dry carrier material with the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

10. The method of Claim 9 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

11. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of a colony-forming immunogen in the

rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, said immunogen is CS antigen from C. sticklandii, said method comprising:

- A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with CS antigen from C. sticklandii;
- B. Allowing a period of time to permit the production in the birds and eggs laid by the birds of antibody to CS antigen from C. sticklandii;
- C. Harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;
- D. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said harvested eggs from the egg shells; and
- E. Drying said antibody-containing contents.

12. The method of Claim 11 including: providing a dry carrier material, said drying of the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs is achieved by coating the dry carrier material with the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

13. The method of Claim 12 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

14. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of a colony-forming immunogen in the rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, said immunogen is CA antigen from C. aminophilum, said method comprising:

- A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with CA antigen from C. aminophilum;

B. Allowing a period of time to permit the production in the birds and eggs laid by the birds of antibody to CA antigen from C. aminophilum;

C. Harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;

D. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said harvested eggs from the egg shells; and

E. Drying said antibody-containing contents.

15. The method of Claim 14 including: providing a dry carrier material, said drying of the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs is achieved by coating the dry carrier material with the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

16. The method of Claim 15 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

17. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of a colony-forming immunogen in the rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, said immunogen is E. coli antigen from E. coli, said method comprising:

A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with the E. coli colony-forming immunogen;

B. After a period of time to permit the production in the birds of antibody to the E. coli immunogen, harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;

C. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said harvested eggs from the shells; and

D. Drying said separated egg antibody adherence inhibiting material.

18. The method of Claim 17 including: providing a dry carrier material, said drying of the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs is achieved by coating the dry carrier material with the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

19. The method of Claim 18 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

20. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of a colony-forming immunogen in the rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, said immunogen is Listeria antigen from Listeria, said method comprising:

- A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with the Listeria colony-forming immunogen;
- B. After a period of time to permit the production in the birds of antibody to the Listeria immunogen, harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;
- C. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said harvested eggs from the shells; and
- D. Drying said separated egg antibody adherence inhibiting material.

21. The method of Claim 20 including: providing a dry carrier material, said drying of the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs is achieved by coating the dry carrier material with the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

22. The method of Claim 21 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

23. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of a colony-forming immunogen in the rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, said immunogen is Salmonella antigen from Salmonella, said method comprising:

- A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with the Salmonella colony-forming immunogen;
- B. After a period of time to permit the production in the birds of antibody to the Salmonella immunogen, harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;
- C. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said harvested eggs from the shells; and
- D. Drying said separated egg antibody adherence inhibiting material.

24. The method of Claim 23 including: providing a dry carrier material, said drying of the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs is achieved by coating the dry carrier material with the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

25. The method of Claim 24 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

26. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of a colony-forming immunogen in the rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, said immunogen is Campylobacter antigen from Campylobacter, said method comprising:

- A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with the Campylobacter colony-forming immunogen;

B. After a period of time to permit the production in the birds of antibody to the Campylobacter immunogen, harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;

C. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said harvested eggs from the shells; and

D. Drying said separated egg antibody adherence inhibiting material.

27. The method of Claim 26 including: providing a dry carrier material, said drying of the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs is achieved by coating the dry carrier material with the separated antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

28. The method of Claim 27 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

29. A method for the production of a microbial adherence inhibitor for administration to food animals to substantially prevent the adherence of targeted colony-forming immunogens in the rumen or intestinal tracts of said food animals, which method comprises:

A. Inoculating female birds, in or about to reach their egg laying age, with the particular targeted colony-forming immunogen;

B. Allowing a period of time sufficient to permit the production in the bird of antibody to the targeted immunogen;

C. Harvesting the eggs laid by the birds;

D. Separating the antibody-containing contents of said eggs from the shells;

E. Providing a dry carrier material; and

F. Coating said dry carrier material with the antibody-containing contents of said eggs.

30. The method of Claim 29 wherein: providing a dry feed carrier material from a group of materials including soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.